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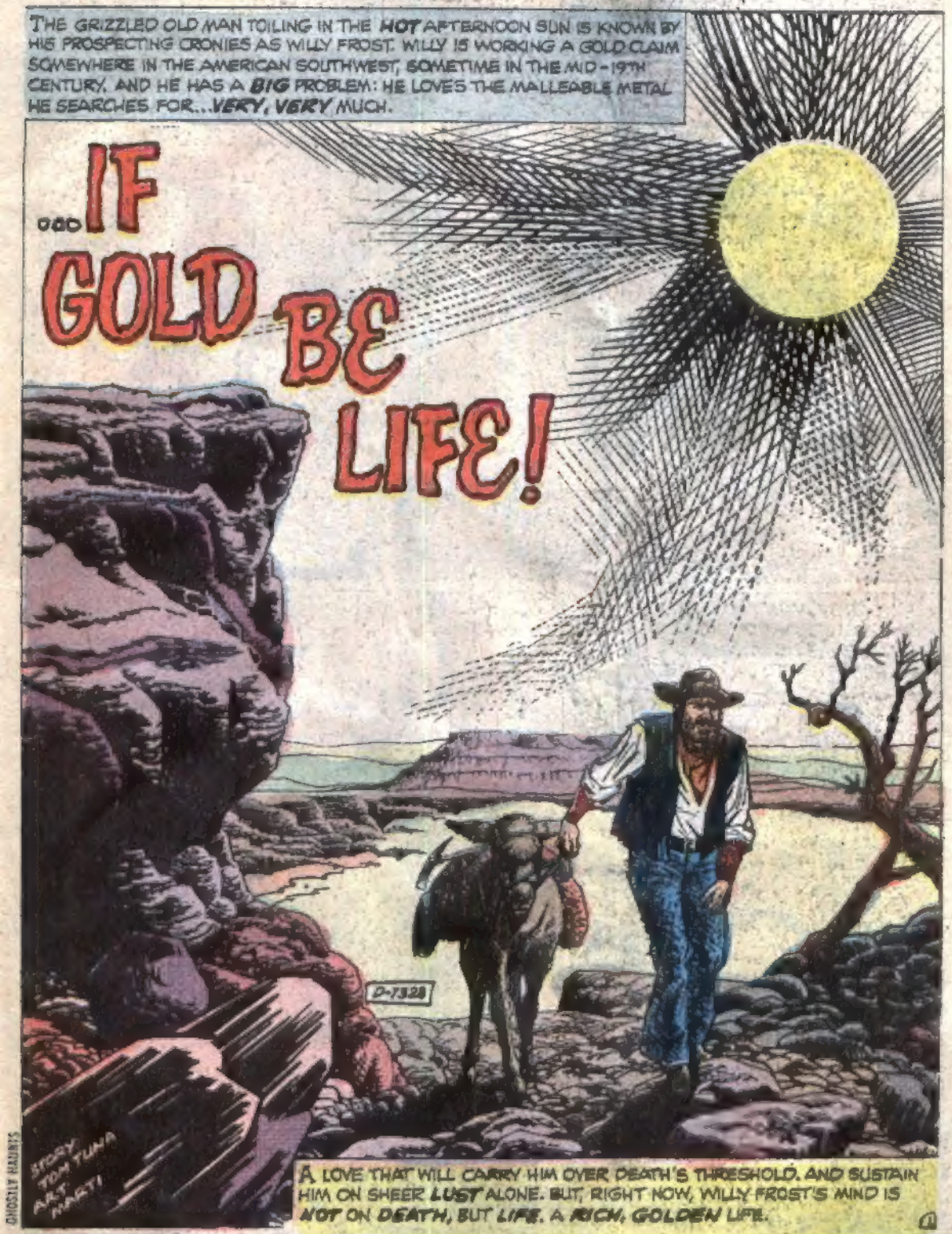
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...IF GOLD BE LIFE!
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STORY TOM TUMA ART MARTI
A LOVE THAT WILL CARRY HIM OVER DEATH'S THRESHOLD. AND SUSTAIN HIM ON SHEER LUST ALONE. BUT, RIGHT NOW, WILLY FROST'S MIND IS NOT ON DEATH, BUT LIFE. A RICH, GOLDEN LIFE.

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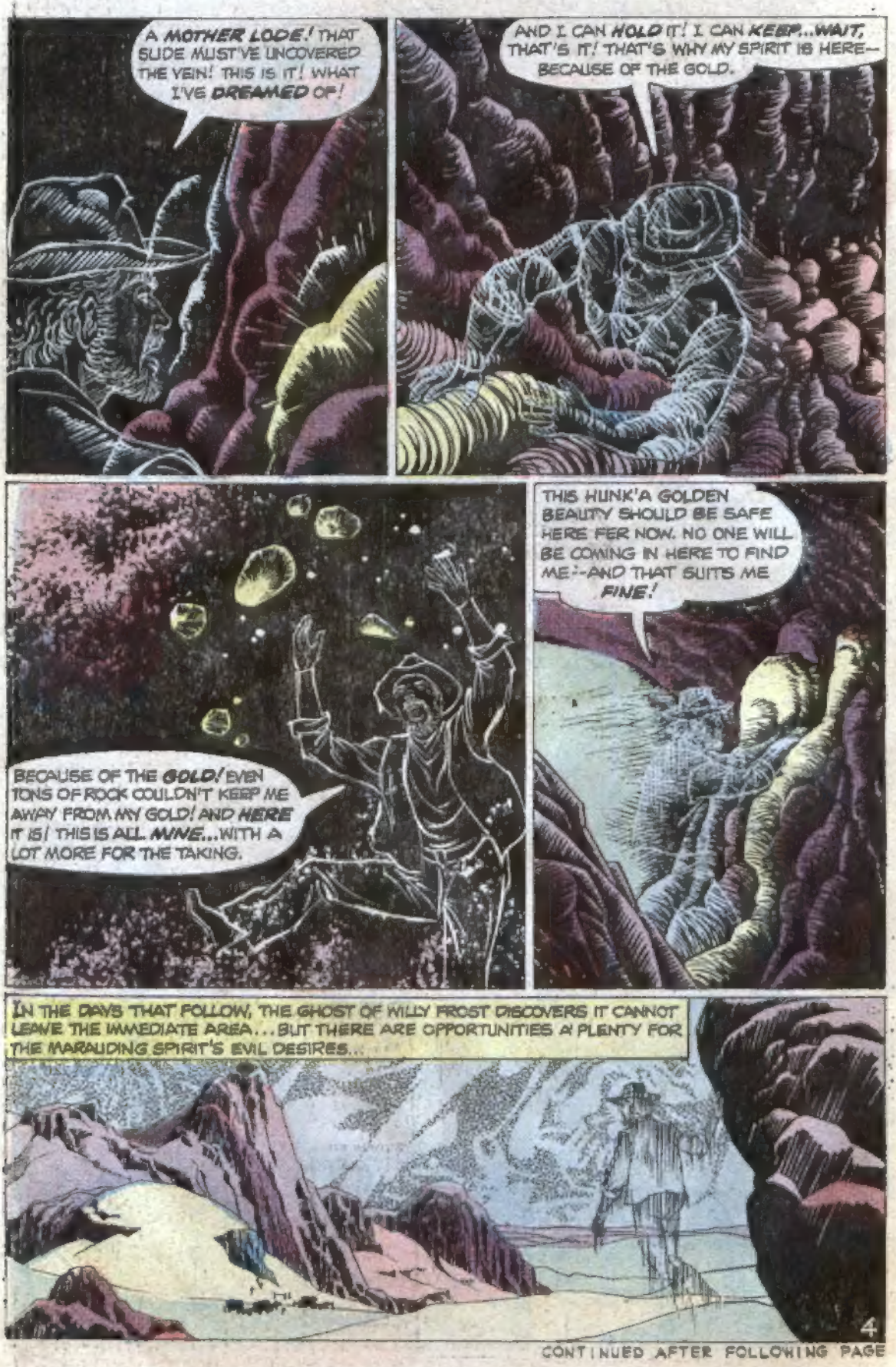
...THE NOSE FOR GOLD THAT WE DO... HEY! LOOKY HERE, GIRL! I DID IT! I DID IT! I STRUCK A VEIN...I...
OH, NO! NOT AGIN'! IT'S JUST THAT PYRITE STUFF: 'FOOL'S GOLD.' IF THEY COULD SEE ME NOW...THEY'D REALLY HAVE SOMETHIN' TO LAUGH ABOUT.
BUT DON'T YOU LAUGH AT ME, MOUNTAIN! I'LL BE BACK, AND I'LL HAVE YER PRECIOUS LODE, GOLD! I WANT IT, MOUNTAIN...I WANT IT BAD!
AND AS NIGHT COVERS THE MOUNTAINS WITH A WHITE-DOTTED SHROUD, THE MAN CALLED WILLY FROST MAKES GOOD HIS VOW...
NOBODY'LL BE OUT HERE NOW BUT ME. HERE'S MY CHANCE TO CHECK OUT THAT TIP I GOT IN TOWN BEFORE. I KNOW THESE MOUNTAINS...

...LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND. THE MOON'LL GIVE ME PLENTY OF LIGHT FOR LOOKING BACK IN THIS HERE CAVE LIKE I WAS TOLD.
MY LUCK'S GOTTA CHANGE SOON. THE TIP SAID...HOLD ON A MINUTE. THIS MINE DON'T LOOK SO STABLE. THE WALLS ARE...
BUT THE WORDS DIE IN THE PROSPECTOR'S THROAT...AS THE RUMBLE DRONES ON AND ON.
AND WHEN THE THUNDER ABATES AND THE CHOKING DUST SETTLES, EVEN WILLY FROST'S LOYAL MULE WOULDN'T BELIEVE...THIS! DURING HIS LIFE, THE GOLD-GREEDY MINER NEVER GAVE MUCH THOUGHT TO GHOSTS...
...BUT HIS DEATH HAS CHANGED ALL THAT!
MY...MY BODY'S UNDER ALL THAT ROCK! HOW CAN I BE HERE...LOOKING DOWN AT... I'M A G-GHOST! I'M...


A MOTHER LODE! THAT SLIDE MUST'VE UNCOVERED THE VEIN! THIS IS IT! WHAT I'VE DREAMED OF!
AND I CAN HOLD IT! I CAN KEEP...WAIT, THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHY MY SPIRIT IS HERE-- BECAUSE OF THE GOLD.
BECAUSE OF THE GOLD! EVEN TONS OF ROCK COULDN'T KEEP ME AWAY FROM MY GOLD! AND HERE IT IS! THIS IS ALL MINE...WITH A LOT MORE FOR THE TAKING.
THIS HUNK'A GOLDEN BEAUTY SHOULD BE SAFE HERE FER NOW. NO ONE WILL BE COMING IN HERE TO FIND ME!--AND THAT SUITS ME FINE!
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THE GHOST OF WILLY FROST DISCOVERS IT CANNOT LEAVE THE IMMEDIATE AREA... BUT THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES A PLENTY FOR THE MARAUDING SPIRIT'S EVIL DESIRES...
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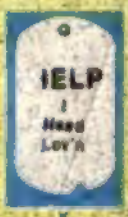

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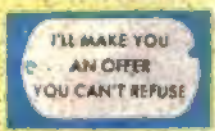

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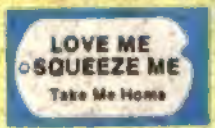

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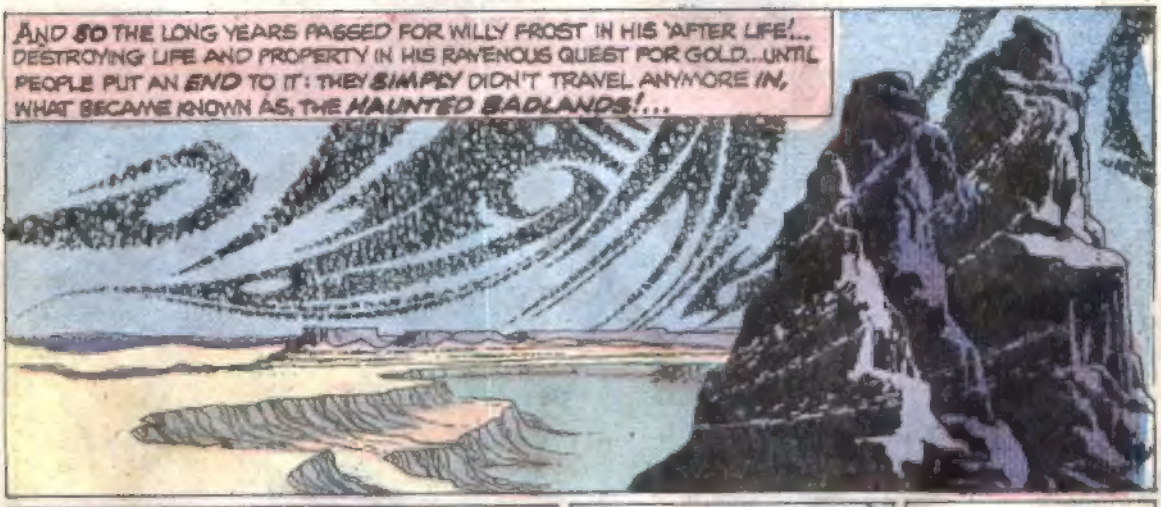
IT'S GOLD! AFTER ALL MY WORK--BUT IT WAS WORTH IT! I'D BETTER GET TO THE CLAIMS OFFICES BEFORE SOME JUMPERS FIND ME.
AND BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT, THE GOLD LUST DRIVES WILLY FROST'S DEADLY SPIRIT TO GREATER HEIGHTS OF MURDER...
BUT WAS THERE EVER A CLAIM JUMPER LIKE THIS ONE?
SURE IS NICE TO HAVE THESE 'GHOSTY' POWERS EVEN IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND 'EM! SUCKIN' A BRIDGE LIKE THIS IS EASIER'N PIE! LOOK OUT BELOW, PEOPLE!
YER RIGHT, FRIEND--YER WORK SURE WAS WORTH IT! I'LL SEND YER WIDDER A REAL NICE SYMPATHY CARD! HA HA!
THAT TRAIN COMIN' AROUND THE BEND UP THERE IS JEST LOADED WITH GOLD. BE A SHAME IF SOMETHIN' HAPPENED TO THIS HERE BRIDGE, NOW, WOULDN'T IT?
WHATTA LIFE--EVEN IF I DID HAFTA DIE TA LIVE IT! TOO BAD THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE HAFTA DIE FER ME TA GET ALL THIS GOLD--YEAH, TOO BAD FER THEM!

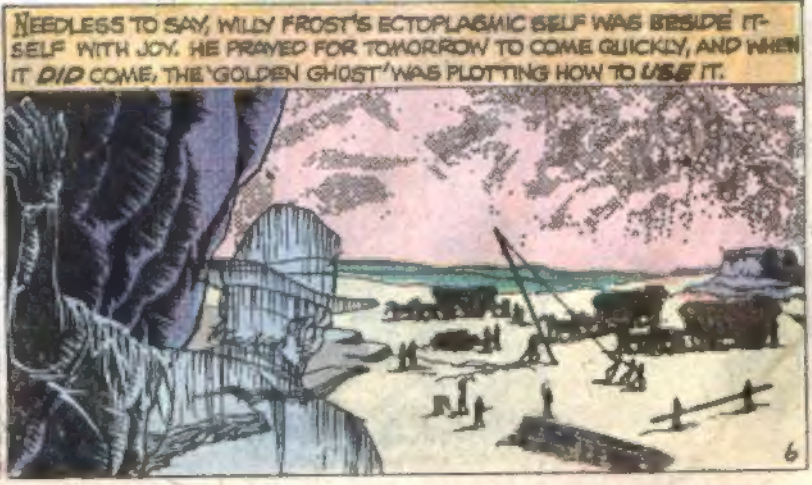

AND SO THE LONG YEARS PASSED FOR WILLY FROST IN HIS 'AFTER LIFE!... DESTROYING LIFE AND PROPERTY IN HIS RAVENOUS QUEST FOR GOLD...UNTIL PEOPLE PUT AN END TO IT: THEY SIMPLY DIDN'T TRAVEL ANYMORE IN, WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS, THE HAUNTED BADLANDS!...

...AND AFTER ALMOST FIFTY YEARS OF THIS LONELINESS, A VERY WEAK GHOST INHABITS A SECRET CAVE SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERTED HILLS.
...SUCH A LONG TIME! HOW MANY YEARS? CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER. AND WILL FROST IS NO MAN'S DUMMY, IT'S GOLD I NEED, AND NO MISTAKE! I'VE BEEN GETTIN' LESS AN' LESS LATELY, CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER THIS WAY.

IF'N I CAN'T GET SOME GOLD SOON, I'M A GONER! BUT PEOPLE AIN'T COMIN' HERE NO MORE AND I CAN'T SCRAPE UP ENOUGH STRENGTH.

I REALLY NEED GOLD TO GO ON LIVING LIKE THIS. I...WHAT'S THAT?
GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, JIM. THIS LOOKS LIKE AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO START DIGGING.

LIKE I TOLD YOU, GARY. I CHECKED THE RECORDS AND THIS AREA HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED IN YEARS. LET'S GET THE EQUIPMENT OUT


NEEDLESS TO SAY, WILLY FROST'S ECTOPLASMIC SELF WAS BESIDE ITSELF WITH JOY. HE PRAYED FOR TOMORROW TO COME QUICKLY, AND WHEN IT DID COME, THE 'GOLDEN GHOST' WAS PLOTTING HOW TO USE IT.

HAFTA WAIT FOR THEM TA DO MY WORK FER ME. BUT THEY BETTER DO IT FAST. GOTTA GET CLOSER.
I KNEW THEY'D COME BACK HERE. THE WAIT'LL BE WORTH IT IF THEY DIG UP WHAT I NEED. GLAD YOU FELLAS DON'T BELIEVE IN SPOOKS!
HEY, THEY'VE STRUCK SOMETHIN'! GOTTA GET CLOSE ENOUGH TA USE WHAT'S LEFT OF MY POWERS.
MAYBE IF I'M NEAR THE GOLD WHEN THEY BRING IT UP, IT'LL GIVE ME SOME OF MY STRENGTH BACK! I'VE GOTTA SEE IT!
EASY.. EASY NOW! BEAUTIFUL! WE HIT IT PERFECTLY!
GREAT WORK, MEN. WE'LL PROVE TO MY COMPANY THAT THIS REGION IS A VERITABLE TREASURE TROVE OF URANIUM!
AND THE OBSCENE CREATURE THAT WAS, IN FACT, THE LUST OF THE ANCIENT MINER FINALLY DISSOLVES. DISSOLVES INTO A FINE MIST...TINGED WITH A FAINT SHEEN OF GOLD.
URANIUM!! NO... NO! THAT MEANS THERE'S NO GOLD! NO GOLD... AND NO WILLY FROST!
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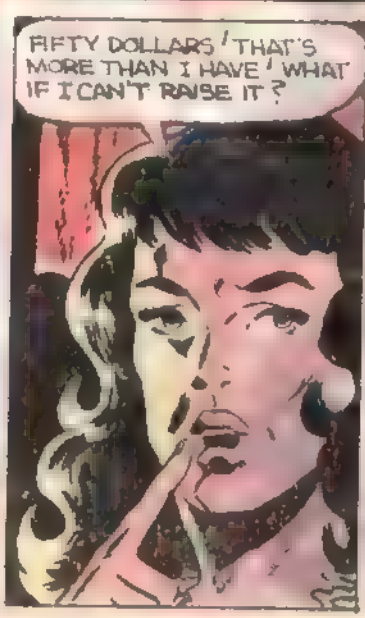

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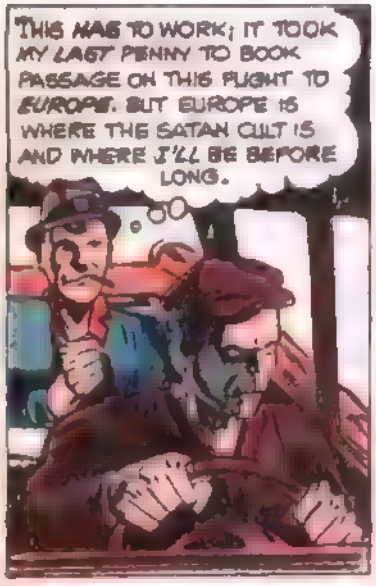
FINAL *SUCCESS*, IN MANY INSTANCES, HINGES UPON HOW A PERSON HANDLES *FAILURE*. SCOTT BREVE, THOUGH, IS NOT A MAN TO DWELL OVERLONG ON SUCH A PHILOSOPHY. AT LEAST NOT WHILE THE DESIRE FOR *REVENGE* COURSES THROUGH HIS SOUL.

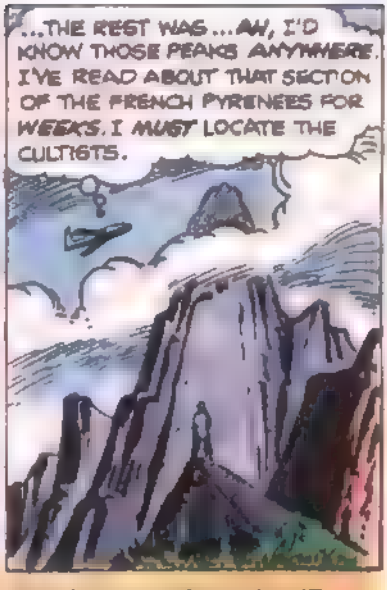
SCOTT BREVE, A SELF-STYLED *NON-ENTITY*, IS ABOUT TO TAKE THE *FIRST, FATEFUL* STEPS TOWARD BLOOD-RED *VENGEANCE*. HE WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT VENGEANCE [illegible] REACTS AS A *BOOMERANG* THROWN.

WHO DOES THAT *CREEP* OF A LANDLORD THINK HE IS? THROWING *ME* OUT BECAUSE OF A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS! *LUCKY* FOR HIM I WAS LEAVING ANYWAY!

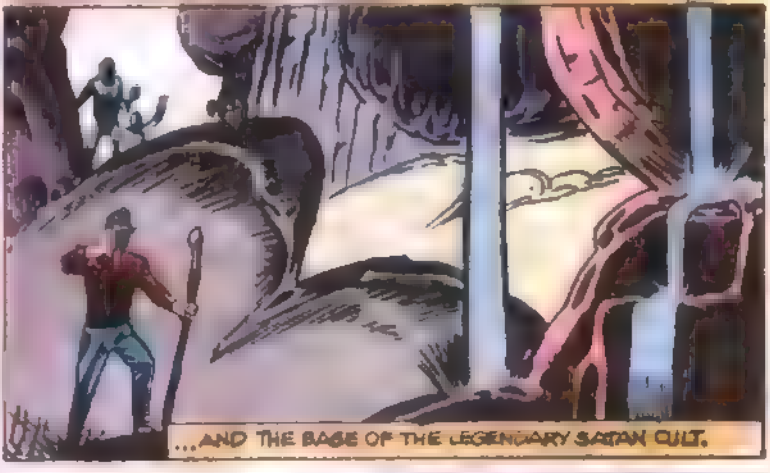
THIS MAY BE FOR THE *BEST*. GIVES ME A CHANCE TO GO TO THE *PYRENEES* WITHOUT HAVING TO HASSLE WITH THAT OLD MISER! YEAH.. THE PYRENEES MOUNTAINS.

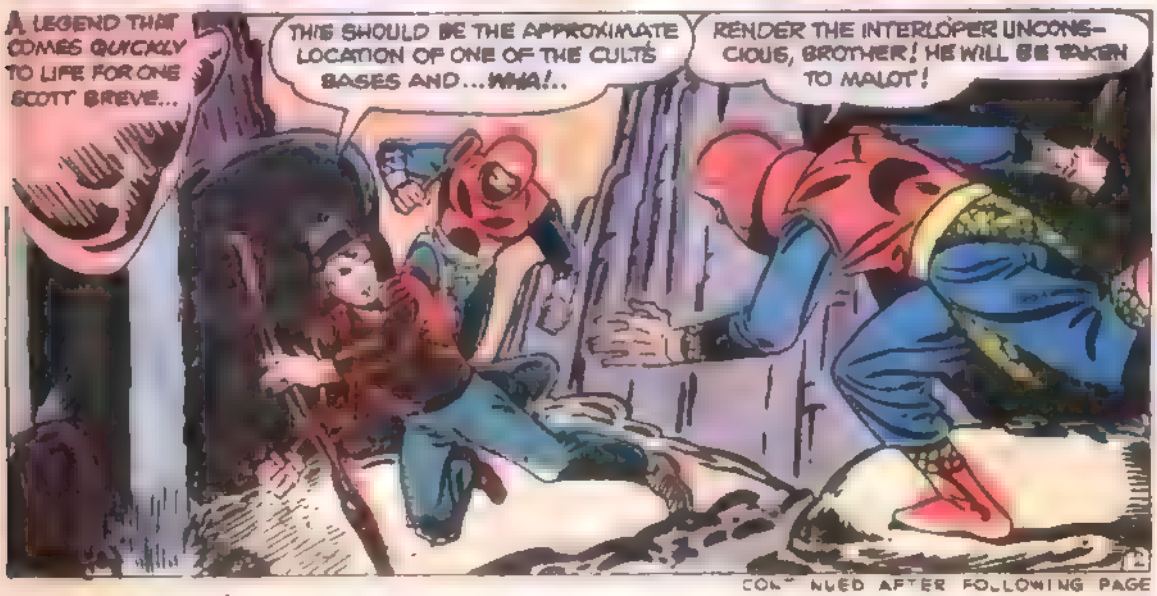

THIS HAS TO WORK; IT TOOK MY LAST PENNY TO BOOK PASSAGE ON THIS FLIGHT TO EUROPE. BUT EUROPE IS WHERE THE SATAN CULT IS AND WHERE I'LL BE BEFORE LONG.

WHEN I HEARD THE RUMORS OF THOSE BLACK MAGIC SORCERERS, I KNEW THAT THEY WERE MY ANSWER! AND WHEN MY PERSONAL RESEARCH LED TO THE PYRENEES...


...THE REST WAS... AH, I'D KNOW THOSE PEAKS ANYWHERE. I'VE READ ABOUT THAT SECTION OF THE FRENCH PYRENEES FOR WEEKS. I MUST LOCATE THE CULTISTS.

NOW THAT WE'VE TAKEN A *PEEK* INTO THE CORNERS OF SCOTT BREVE'S *MIND*, LET US SCAN MORE CLOSELY THE OBJECT OF HIS QUEST... THE PYRENEES RANGE: THE MOUNTAINS THAT FORM THE NATURAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN SPAIN AND FRANCE...




A LEGEND THAT COMES QUICKLY TO LIFE FOR ONE SCOTT BREVE...
THIS SHOULD BE THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF ONE OF THE CULT'S BASES AND... WHA!..
RENDER THE INTERLOPER UNCONSCIOUS, BROTHER! HE WILL BE TAKEN TO MALOT!

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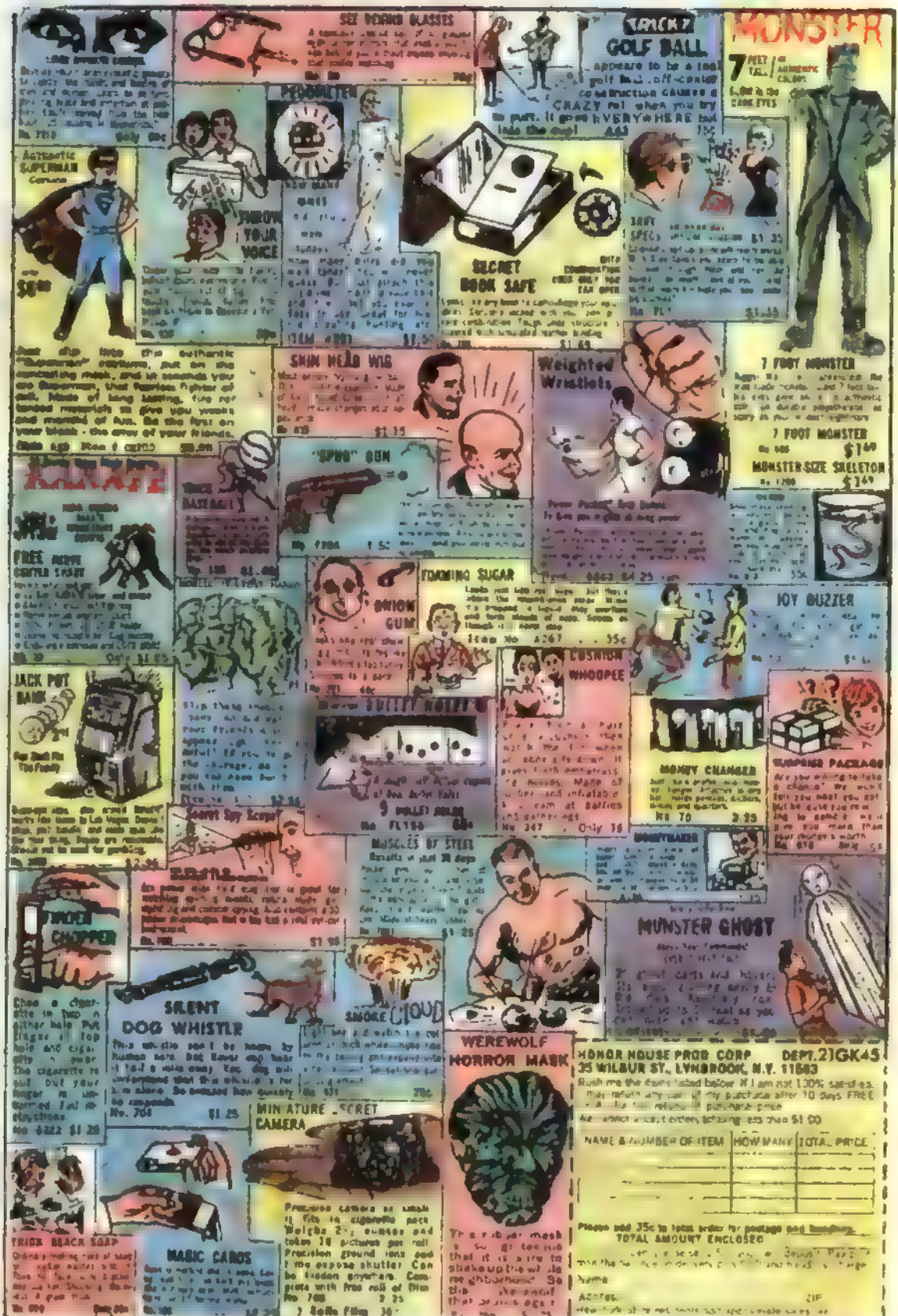
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.. LEADER..? I'VE FOUND THE CULT ? I MUST SPEAK WITH YOU...
YOU MUST ? DEMAND NOTHING OF ME! IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO PREVENT MY FOLLOWERS FROM TAKING YOUR LIFE.
PLEASE,..LISTEN I KNOW OF YOU...YOUR CULT, AND YOUR POWERS. I NEED TO STUDY...TO LEARN FROM YOU.
YOU KNOW OF OUR RITES AND BELIEFS? AND YOU WISH TO LEARN MORE ? HOW WOULD YOU USE THE POWERS ?
AS DO YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE! POWER AND REVENGE! I WANT TO BE SOMEONE AND SHOW CERTAIN PEOPLE!
..THAT I AM A POWER TO FEAR.. BEFORE I KILL THEM.
SAY NO MORE, OUTLANDER. AS GUARDIAN OF MY PEOPLE'S POWER AND TRUST, I BELIEVE YOUR WORDS. PREPARE YOURSELF! YOU WILL FIND...
...WHAT YOU SOUGHT!

HE WAS *DIFFERENT*; VASTLY, POWERFULLY DIFFERENT.

NOW, MY DISCIPLE! NOW YOU ARE NO LONGER MERE *MORTAL*.. THE *MASTER* HAS BESTOWED HIS POWER ON YOU! *GO* AND *SERVE* HIM! SEEK YOUR REVENGE IN *HIS* NAME!

AFTER THOSE *DIRE* WORDS WERE SPOKEN, THINGS MOVED *QUICKLY* FOR SCOTT BREVE. HE WAS SOMEHOW *TRANSPORTED BACK* TO AMERICA AND *INTO* A HOUSE IN VERMONT THAT WAS...*WAITING* FOR HIM.

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, BREVE SCHEMED HIS SCHEMES. HE WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE HIS SUCCESS *FELT* BY OTHERS.

FELT IN PARTICULAR, BY..

...TOM MCNEIL, PAUL HANSON, AND ANTHONY FRAZIER, SUCCESSES *ALL*! AND THEY'VE NEVER LET ME *FORGET* IT! WELL, THESE ARE INVITATIONS THEY WON'T *BE ABLE TO REFUSE*!

OH, *YES*! THEY'LL *COME*, ALL RIGHT! AND I'LL HAVE A *SPECIAL* SURPRISE FOR *EACH* ONE OF THEM...

?...STARTING WITH THOMAS MCNEIL, THE GIRAFFE-NECKED BASKETBALL STAR."

AH! ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST *DISTINGUISHED* ATHLETES! YOU *HONOR* ME, SIR. COME IN!

I GOT YOUR INVITATION, BREVE, AND I *COULDN'T* TURN DOWN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOUR HOUSE. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...

HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S ALL *MINE*, HUH? BELIEVE SOMETHING *ELSE*, MCNEIL! I'VE CARRIED A GIANT HATE FOR YOU FOR *YEARS*. BUT I'VE BEEN PATIENT AND WAITED FOR JUST THE *RIGHT* MOMENT...

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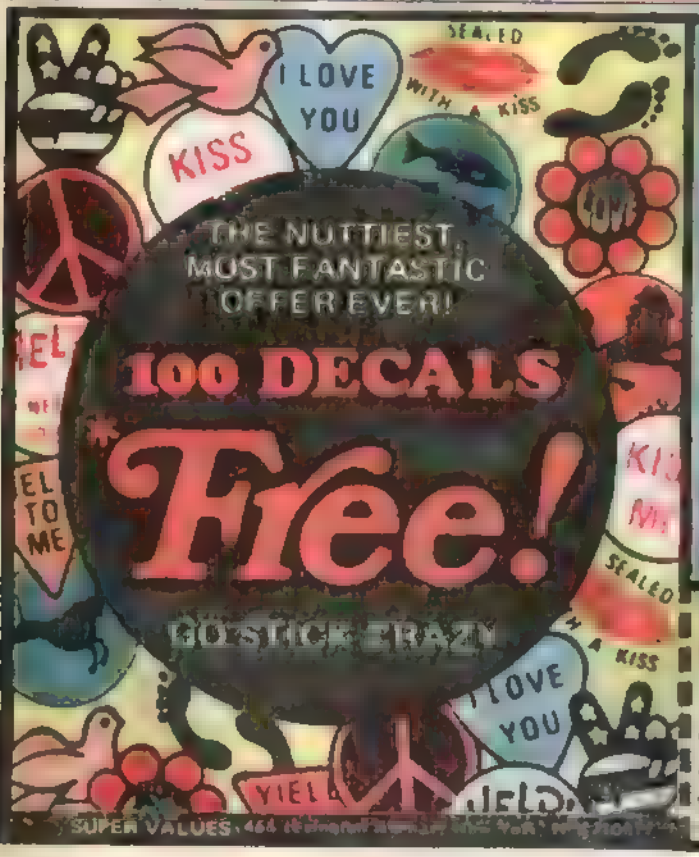

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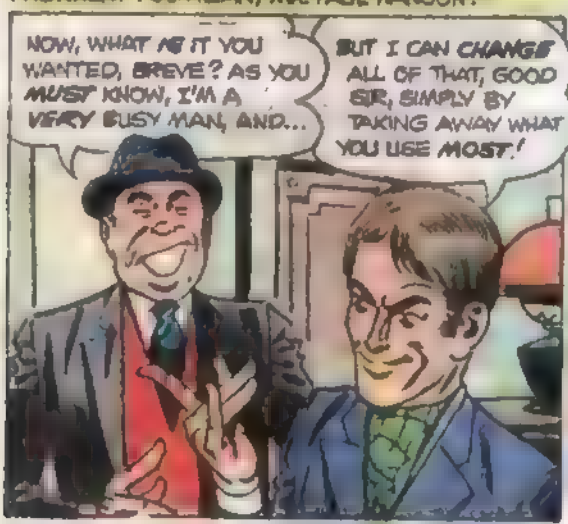
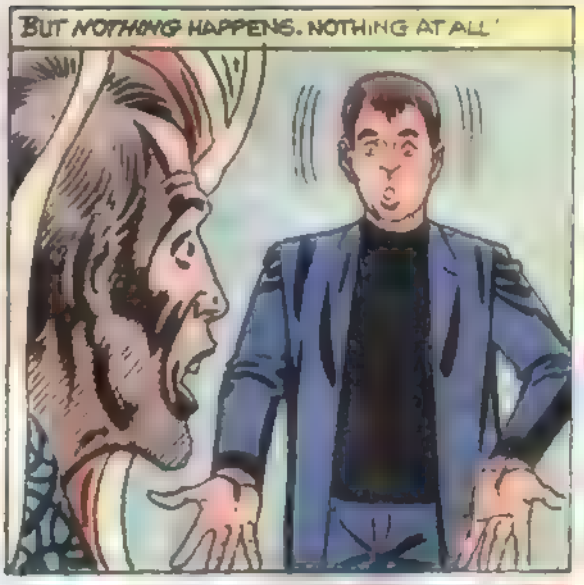

NOW, WHAT IS IT YOU WANTED, BREVE? AS YOU MUST KNOW, I'M A VERY BUSY MAN, AND...
BUT I CAN CHANGE ALL OF THAT, GOOD SIR, SIMPLY BY TAKING AWAY WHAT YOU USE MOST!

"I'LL GIVE HIM A STORY HE'LL NEVER LIVE TO PRINT."

THIS WILL BE SHORT AND MERCIFUL, FRAZIER! YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT YOU! BY THE POWER OF SATAN, I TURN THE BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS TO THE INK YOU USE SO WELL!


BUT NOTHING HAPPENS. NOTHING AT ALL!

THIS CANNOT BE! YOU CANNOT DEFY ME—NOT NOW! SATAN, HEAR ME! I NEED MORE... WHAT'S THAT YOU HAVE?

THE ONE WEAPON AGAINST WHICH YOUR MASTER IS HELPLESS! A CRUCIFIX! DIDN'T YOU KNOW, DEVIL-LOVER? DIDN'T YOU KNOW...

...THAT I WAS RECENTLY ORDAINED A PRIEST? NO.....

...I SUPPOSE YOUR MATE WOULDN'T HAVE ALLOWED THAT.
END
A SLIGHT BREEZE FROM THE OPEN DOOR STIRS THE ASHES FOR JUST A MOMENT...AND THEN ALL IS STILL.

WITCH'S mail

Dear Winnie:

Ghostly Haunts #44 was pretty good over-all, but then all of Charlton's ghostly comics have been just great lately. As usual, you had terrific artwork; and I enjoyed the stories but you lost me in the third yarn, "Ghost's Town". The over-all plot was excellent but on page two of the story, a miner named Billings gets clobbered by a bodyguard and then the banker, Mordecai Simpson, was shot. The miner, Billings, was accused of the murder and lynched. Okay. I got all confused as to who was who around page two and three. At the end of the story I was able to figure it out but it wasn't very clear. Sanho Kim has a really eerie style, and the cover was spooky enough but everyone looked pretty much alike for a couple pages.

In "Trophy Room", I had a pretty good idea what the ending was going to be after a few pages. Steve Ditko, as usual, did a terrific job on the art. Steve has been one of the best illustrators in the business for a long time. He doesn't get older, he gets better, as they say.

I really dug the middle story. Fred Himes did a terrific story on the artwork in "The Possessed"; and while I've seen this theme before, Tom Peterson came up with an excellent twist to the story and I liked it a lot. Himes is terrific on witchy witches.

The only criticism I have of the book is that there was no real Scary story in it. While all of them were interesting enough, one was about a hunter's trophies that were going to get even at the end. The second was

about a witch. She didn't frighten me, as a matter of fact, she was pretty nice half the time. And the last story about a ghost town wasn't shivery stuff either. I like at least one of the stories to inspire a few goose - bumps.

Sincerely,
T.J. Herrin
New Orleans, La.

For awhile there, T.J., it looked as though you liked the book, then you had to go and get nasty at the end. Actually, it was an excellent critique. We agree that none of the stories were all that fear - inspiring, but that happens occasionally. Next issue, you may get three hair - raisers; and that'll bring up our batting average.

Re-reading the "Ghost's Town" story, we concur on that as well. There are three characters in the beginning of the story who look a lot alike and it was confusing but if you read it very carefully, it made sense.

Anyhow, we're glad you like our Charlton ghostly group in general.

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I just finished reading *Ghostly Haunts*, and I have a question. What is *Mr. Dedd* doing on the cover up near the title? Did he drop in for a visit? I thought he was the narrator from *Ghostly Tales*. I checked my old comics, and Winnie the Witch was always the one who told the stories in *GH*.

The art was terrific in this issue. I liked "The Trophy Room", but when the hunter shot the guide I got turned off a little. The guide didn't think it was going to happen. He just stood there. He didn't deserve to get shot. In the second story, artist Fred Himes really made you beautiful, Winnie. You're the nicest looking narrator in the comic book field. I just wish all the artists would do what Pat Boyette did in the last issue. He had you in there, full figure, on almost every page and you're really good to look at.

Back to issue #44. "The Possessed" was pretty good, and the ending was okay. I liked Fred Himes' art work a lot. In "Ghost's Town," Sanho Kim wasn't working on the kind of story he does best I guess.

All in all, the book was pretty good. I've read better but I've seen worse too. I want to add one more thought before I finish this letter.

The cover says "All New" and I've never seen any material repeated in a Charlton comic book. I've been ripped off a lot lately, buying new comic books, then finding old stories inside.

Once more, Winnie, I enjoyed the book. I hope to see you again in the next issue.

Thank you,
Larry Hayes
Roanoke, Va.

We just checked on the boo-boo, Larry. It was unintentional and Mr. Dedd kind of wandered onto my cover by mistake. Glad you liked the book anyhow, though. Sanho Kim, Steve Ditko, and Fred Himes are all excellent artists. We're proud to have them on our staff.

As for the guide being killed in "The Trophy", the hunter paid dearly for his crime. Comic books often reflect situations in real life, and all too often there are innocent victims of men like that. Just so we make sure the murderer gets what's coming to him, we go along with situations like that.

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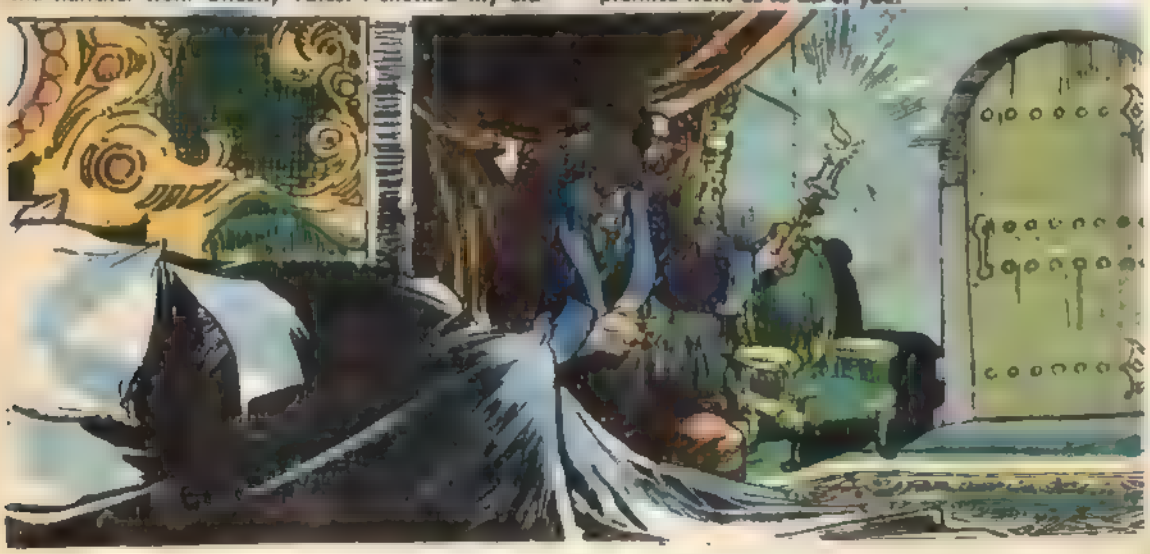

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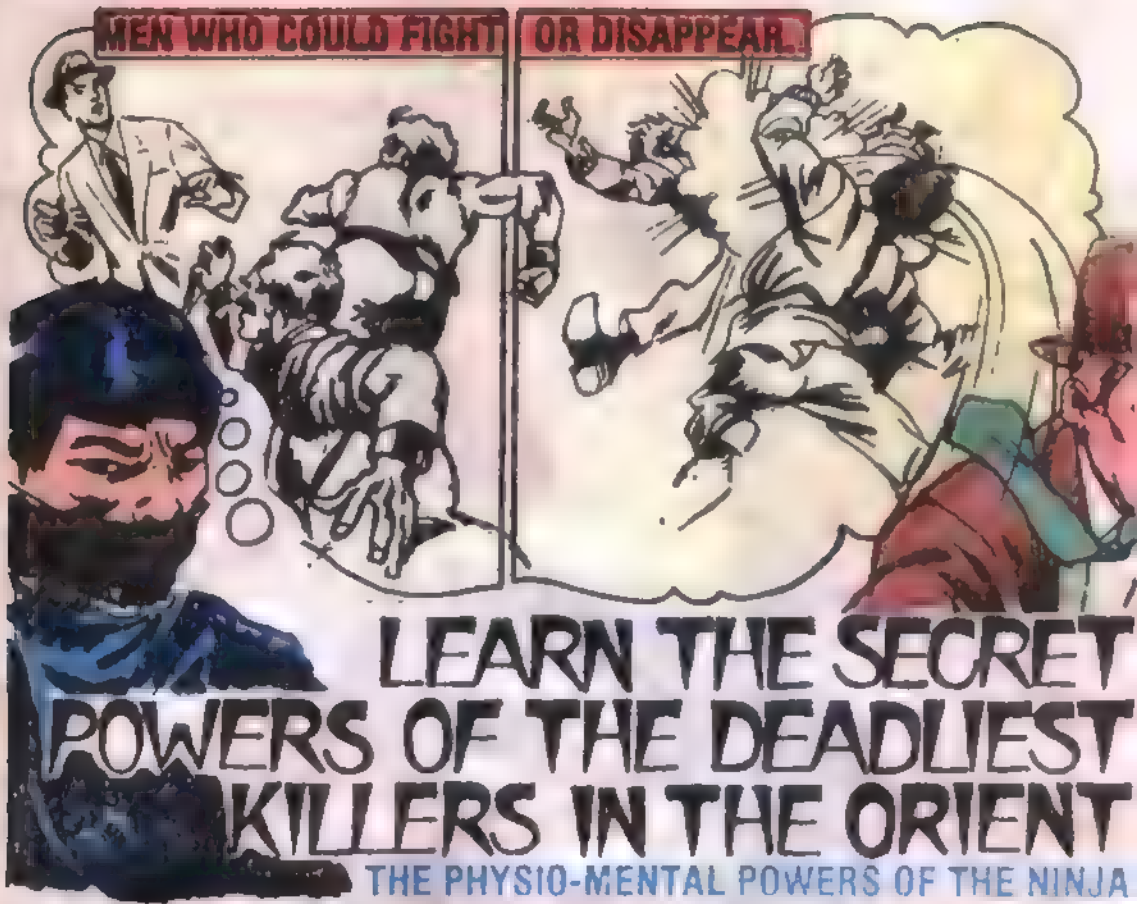

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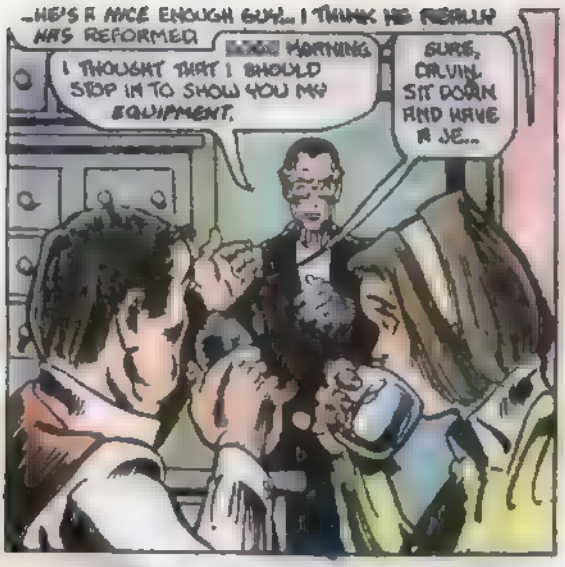
...THIS TIME...IT...
GEEEER...
AAAA

I...I CAN'T TAKE IT, ANYMORE. I LOVE THIS OLD PLACE, YOU KNOW THAT, BUT THIS... THIS THING, WHATEVER IT IS, IS GOING TO KILL ME! I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, FRED. WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING...
...WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THIS GHOST...
...RIGHT NOW!
HELLO, TRIBUNE? I'D LIKE TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD...
WHAT?
WE'RE GOING TO ADVERTISE... FOR A GHOST BREAKER!
IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE AD TO GET RESULTS. BEFORE LONG, FRED AND ANN FOUND GHOST-CHASERS BEATING A PATH TO THEIR DOOR...
GOOT MORNINK! MY NAME IS HEINRICH SCHULTZ, UND YOU HAVE A GHOST?
...UND ZAT IS DER PROBLEM, NEIN?
...WHAT KIND OF...?
OH, UH, YEAH, IT'S A GHOST... I THINK IT'S A GHOST...WE HAVE IN THIS...
...HALLWAY IS ONE OF THE NICEST PARTS OF THE HOUSE, BUT WE CAN'T LIVE HERE. THAT THING WOULD SCARE ANYONE, AND I'VE GOT A BAD HEART...
I SEE, MR. LEWIS.
I'VE GOT A LIVE ONE THIS TIME!
WELL, MR. LEWIS, I AM SURE ZAT I CAN SOLVE DER PROBLEM VIS NO TROUBLE! I VILL HAVE ZIS GHOST OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME AT ALL!
OH, BROTHER!
HEINRICH WAS THE FIRST...

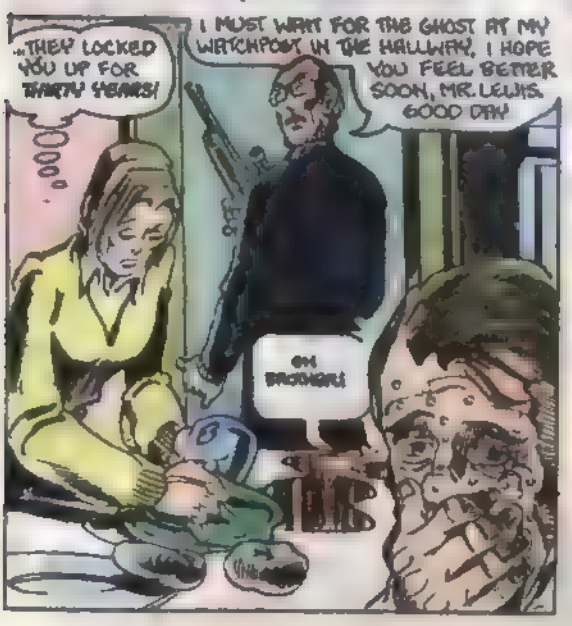
...TO FIND OUT THAT THE GHOST...
NOW A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EFFECT...
OOGA-BOOGA WALLA-WALLA KALEMA...
...IN NO TIME AT ALL...
...WASN'T ABOUT TO LEAVE...
HELLO, TRIBUNE? I'D LIKE TO EXTEND MY AD...
AND THE GHOST-CATCHERS KEPT COMING...
HELLO, I'M MELVIN MYE, AMD...
GOOD AFTERNOON. I READ YOUR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE TRIB...
HI, MY NAME IS LEGION, AND I SAW YOUR AD...
OOOOHHH, BROTHER!
..AND KEPT GOING!

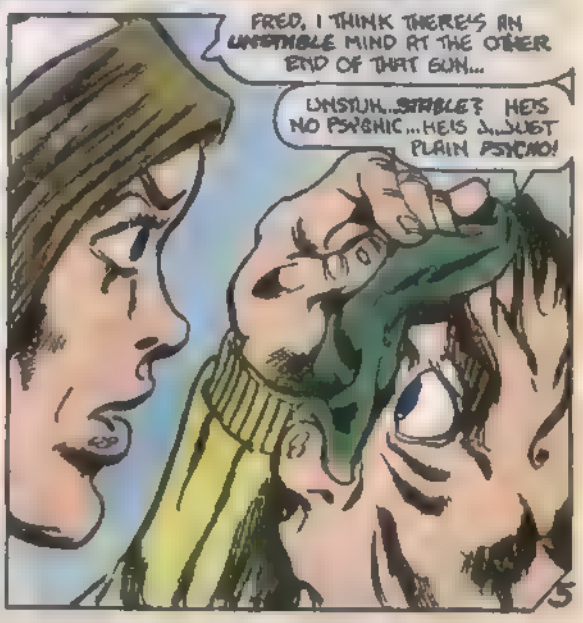
...SEVENTH ONE THIS MONTH!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK WE'LL NEVER GET RID OF THAT GHOST! I GUESS NOBODY CAN...
EXCUSE ME. I HAVE COME TO HELP YOU RID YOURSELVES OF A GHOST. MY NAME IS CHARLES CALVIN. I AM A PSYCHIC...
CALVIN? THE CHARLES CALVIN?
RAP RAP
PSYCHIC KILLER, YOU MEAN! THEY JUST LET YOU OUT OF PRISON!
YOU SHOT THREE MEN WHO TURNED OUT TO BE KILLERS THEMSELVES!
MANY YEARS AGO...
I HAVE LEARNED MY LESSON AND PAYED MY DEBT! I HAVE FORSWORN THE TAKING OF HUMAN LIFE, EVEN OF THE GUILTY! THE YEARS I SPENT IN PRISON TAUGHT ME THEIR LESSON WELL...
THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT EVEN I MAY NOT DO!
I WAS GUIDED BY SPIRITS TO GAIN VENGEANCE ON KILLERS AND MURDERERS. BUT MA'AM, SIR...
LOOK, UH, IF YOU'RE REALLY REFORMED, YOU'RE JUST BE WELCOME TO TRY TO GET RID OF THE GHOST AS ANYONE!
IF YOU CAN DO IT...
I BELIEVE THAT I CAN!
...THE GHOST APPEARS AT ODD HOURS...ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT. ALWAYS HALFWAY DOWN THE HALL. NEVER IN FRONT OF A CROWD OF PEOPLE...
...AND ALWAYS IN FRONT OF FRED OR SOME OTHER MAN... NEVER ME! I'VE ONLY SEEN IT WHEN IT WAS CHASING SOMEONE ELSE!
I SEE. YES, I BELIEVE THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS WITH THE GHOST... SO THAT IT WILL NEVER BOTHER YOU AGAIN!


...HE'S A NICE ENOUGH GUY... I THINK HE REALLY HAS REFORMED.
I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD STOP IN TO SHOW YOU MY EQUIPMENT.
SURE, CALVIN. SIT DOWN AND HAVE A JE...

AS I SAID BEFORE, MR. LEWIS, I HAVE SWORN NEVER AGAIN TO TAKE A HUMAN LIFE. I HAVE BRUCED YOUR GHOST, AND I THINK I KNOW HOW IT CAN BE PUT TO REST.
WITH DUFFY?
PERHAPS.
THE LAST TIME YOU PUT SOMEBODY TO REST...

I DON'T CARE HOW MANY SPIRITS TOLD YOU TO SHOOT THOSE MEN...YOU WERE A KILLER!


...THEY LOCKED YOU UP FOR TWENTY YEARS!
OOOO.
I MUST WAIT FOR THE GHOST AT MY WATCHPOST IN THE HALLWAY. I HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER SOON, MR. LEWIS. GOOD DAY.
OH BROTHER!



FRED DIDN'T FEEL BETTER SOON...AND AS THE DAYS PASSED HE BEGAN TO THINK THAT HE'D NEVER FEEL BETTER AGAIN!
LISTEN...
I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING, FRED.
HE'S UP THERE SOMEWHERE IRMA... I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
THE GHOST WAS BAD ENOUGH, BUT JUST HAVING THAT... NUT IN THE HOUSE ...WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, IRMA!
LOOK, JUST SIT DOWN. I'LL GO TALK TO HIM.
BUT HE'S A KK...
...JUST TO TALK TO HIM! I'LL TELL HIM WE ...WE LIKE THE GHOST, THAT WE DON'T WANT TO GET RID OF IT THEN HE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE!
SO IRMA WENT HUNTING FOR THE GHOST-STALKING GUNMAN...
MR. CALVIN? I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU, MR. CALVIN...
MRS LEWIS...IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?
WELL, YES...YOU SEE, MR. CALVIN, WE'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE GHOST, YOU KNOW...
...AND WE'VE DECIDED THAT IT'S NOT SO BAD, YOU KNOW... A GHOST IS KIND OF NICE TO HAVE AROUND THE HOUSE...
...MR. CALVIN?
MIST...
BANG
CALVIN FIRED THE BULLET IN THE CHIMNEY

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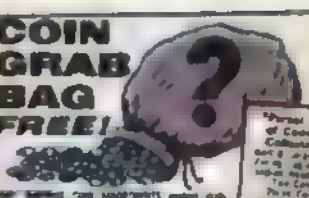

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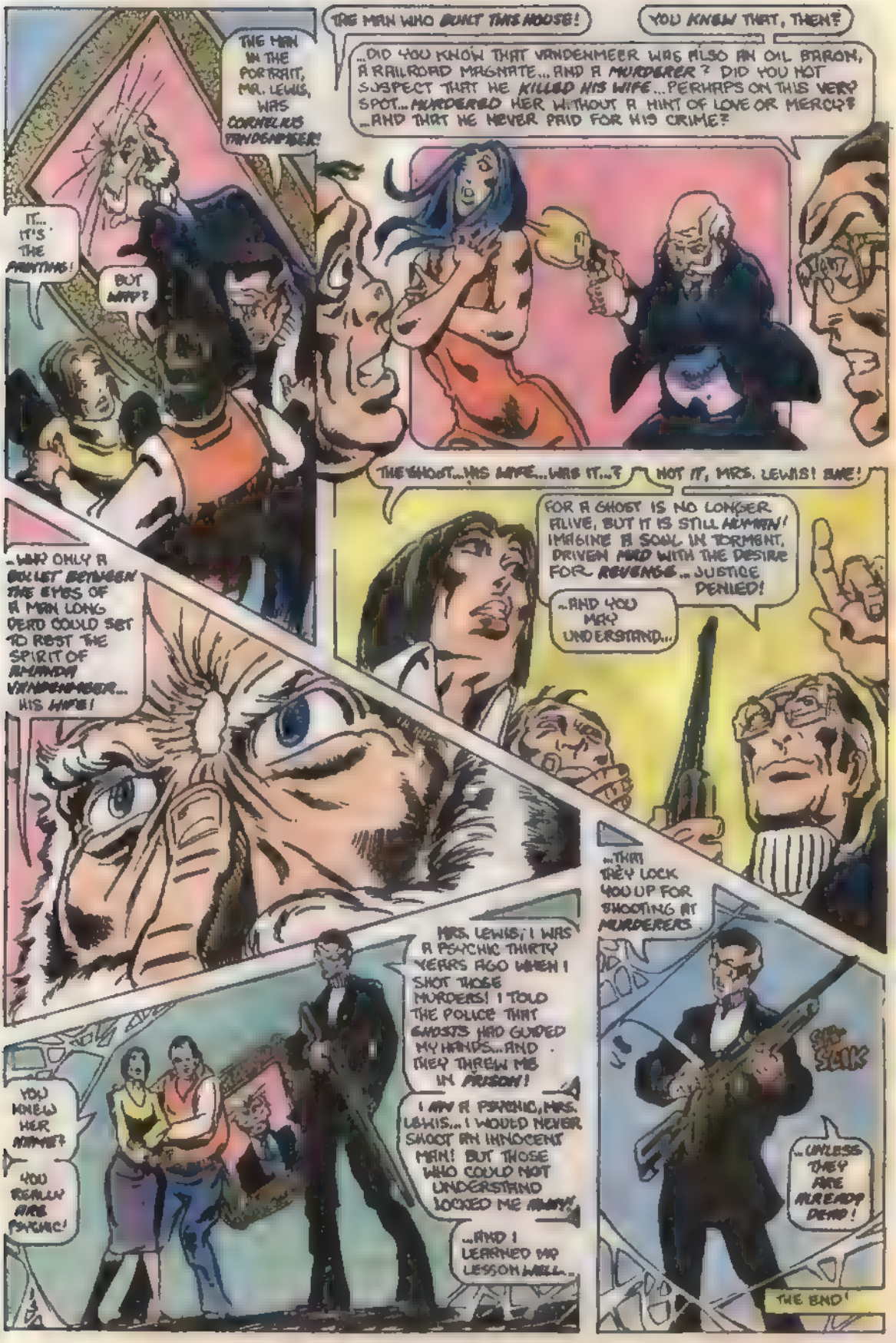
...SHOVED THE BOLT...
...RELEASED THE SAFETY...
HELP! HELP ME!
KA CHUNK
CHIK
WHAT'S THAT NOISE? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO...
OH MY... LORD!
...SIGHTED HIS TARGET...
BLAM!
...FROZE HIS BODY?...
...SQUEEZED THE TRIGGER GENTLY TO...
BANG
NO!
NO!


THE MAN IN THE PORTRAIT, MR. LEWIS, WAS CORNELIUS VANDERMEER!
IT... IT'S THE PAINTING!
BUT WHY?
THE MAN WHO BUILT THIS HOUSE!
YOU KNEW THAT, THEN?
...DID YOU KNOW THAT VANDENMEER WAS ALSO AN OIL BARON, A RAILROAD MAGNATE... AND A MURDERER? DID YOU NOT SUSPECT THAT HE KILLED HIS WIFE... PERHAPS ON THIS VERY SPOT... MURDERED HER WITHOUT A HINT OF LOVE OR MERCY? ...AND THAT HE NEVER PAID FOR HIS CRIME?
THE GHOST... HIS WIFE... WAS IT...?
NOT IT, MRS. LEWIS! SHE!
FOR A GHOST IS NO LONGER ALIVE, BUT IT IS STILL HUMAN! IMAGINE A SOUL IN TORMENT, DRIVEN MAD WITH THE DESIRE FOR REVENGE... JUSTICE DENIED!
...AND YOU MAY UNDERSTAND...
...WHY ONLY A BULLET BETWEEN THE EYES OF A MAN LONG DEAD COULD SET TO REST THE SPIRIT OF AMANDA VANDENMEER... HIS WIFE!
...THEN THEY LOCK YOU UP FOR SHOOTING AT MURDERERS.
SHE SEEK
...UNLESS THEY ARE ALREADY DEAD!
THE END!
MRS. LEWIS, I WAS A PSYCHIC THIRTY YEARS AGO WHEN I SHOT THOSE MURDERS! I TOLD THE POLICE THAT GHOSTS HAD GUIDED MY HANDS... AND THEY THREW ME IN PRISON!
I AM A PSYCHIC, MRS. LEWIS... I WOULD NEVER SHOOT AN INNOCENT MAN! BUT THOSE WHO COULD NOT UNDERSTAND LOCKED ME AWAY!
...AND I LEARNED MY LESSON WELL...
YOU KNEW HER NAME?
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